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Sir:

This is a request under 37 CFR 1.53 for filing a

- ☒ continuation application.
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1. Particulars of Prior Application

Application Serial No: 08/787,831
Filed on: January 23, 1997
Title: VIDEO AND AUDIO FUNCTIONS IN A WEB
TELEVISION
Art Unit: 2711
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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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3. Amendments

- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a of U.S. application Serial No. , filed .--
- ☒ Cancel claims 1-43 in the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- ☒ The filing fee is based upon entry of the foregoing amendment(s) (if any).

4. Copy of Prior Application

The enclosed is a copy of the prior complete application, including the specification (with claims), drawings, the oath or declaration, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application.

5. Incorporation By Reference

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under paragraph 4, above, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. **Priority**

- ☐ Priority of application No., filed on in _____ is claimed under 35 USC 119.
- ☐ The certified copy(ies) was(were) filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. _____.
- ☐ The certified copy(ies) has(have) not been filed.

7. **Assignment**

- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Zenith Electronics Corporation, on April 21, 1997 at Reel No. 8460, Frame No. 0479.

8. **Fee Calculation**

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10. **Deposit Account and Refund Authorization**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 26-0175. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

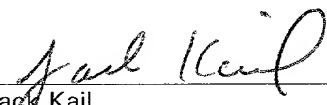
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the title and insert a new title as
follows: --TRANSFERRING INFORMATION BETWEEN AN INTERNET MODULE
AND TV CONTROLLER OF A WEB TV--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, under the section entitled "Related
Applications" please delete lines 3-7 and substitute the
following new paragraph therefor:

--The present invention is a continuation of a co-pending patent application bearing application U.S. Serial No. 08/787,831 which was filed on January 23, 1997 and is related to the inventions disclosed in application U.S. Serial No. 08/787,660 which was filed on January 23, 1997, and in application U.S. Serial No. 08/787,654 which was filed on January 23, 1997, and in application U.S. Serial No. 08/787,662 which was filed on January 23, 1997, and in application U.S. Serial No. _____ (DF-7157) which was filed on _____, and in application U.S. Serial No. _____ (DF-7159) which was filed on _____.

At page 1, under the section entitled "Technical Field of the Invention", please delete lines 9-10 and insert the following new paragraph:

--The present invention relates to the transfer of information between an internet module and a television controller of a Web TV and, more particularly, to the transfer of software identification information (such as revision number and version number) of software code that is executed by the internet module and/or the television controller of the web television.--

At page 4, please delete all of the text appearing in the section entitled "Summary of the Invention", and substitute the following text therefor:

--In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, a web television comprises a display, a tuner, an internet module and a television controller. The tuner is arranged to select television video for display on the display. The internet module is arranged to supply internet video for display on the display, wherein the internet video is derived from internet communications between the web television and

internet content providers, and wherein the internet module is programmed to execute a first software code. The television controller is arranged to communicate with the internet module and is programmed to execute a second software code and the television controller is also arranged to process a message between the television controller and the internet module indicating identification of one of the first and second software codes.

In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, a web television comprises a display, a tuner that is arranged to select television video for display on the display, a television controller and an internet module. The internet module is arranged to supply internet video for display on the display, wherein the internet video is derived from internet communications between the web television and internet content providers. The television controller and the internet module are arranged to communicate messages with one another, wherein one of the messages contains software identification information.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-43 and insert new claims 44-63 as follows:

44. A web television comprising:
a display;
a tuner, wherein the tuner is arranged to select television video for display on the display;
an internet module, wherein the internet module is arranged to supply internet video for display on the display, wherein the internet video is derived from internet communications between the web television and internet content

providers, and wherein the internet module is programmed to execute a first software code; and

a television controller, wherein the television controller is arranged to communicate with the internet module, wherein the television controller is programmed to execute a second software code, and wherein the television controller is arranged to process a message between the television controller and the internet module indicating identification of one of the first and second software codes.

45. The web television of claim 44, wherein the identification comprises a version number of the one of the first and second software code.

46. The web television of claim 44, wherein the identification comprises a revision number of the one of the first and second software code.

47. The web television of claim 46, wherein the identification comprises a version number of the one of the first and second software code.

48. The web television of claim 44, wherein the identification identifies the second software code, and wherein the television controller is arranged to transmit the identification to the internet module.

49. The web television of claim 48, wherein the identification comprises a version number of the second software code.

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50. The web television of claim 48, wherein the identification comprises a revision number of the second software code.

51. The web television of claim 50, wherein the identification comprises a version number of the second software code.

52. The web television of claim 51, wherein the internet module is arranged to use the version number and the revision number of the second software code to determine which of a set of features associated with the internet module are compatible with the second software executed by the television controller.

53. The web television of claim 52, wherein the internet module is further arranged to initialize the features that are compatible with the second software.

54. The web television of claim 44, wherein the identification identifies the first software code, and wherein the television controller is arranged to receive the identification from the internet module.

55. The web television of claim 54, wherein the identification comprises a version number of the first software code.

56. The web television of claim 54, wherein the identification comprises a revision number of the first software code.

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57. The web television of claim 56, wherein the identification comprises a version number of the first software code.

58. The web television of claim 44, wherein the television controller is further arranged to send a signal to the internet module, wherein the signal indicates that the television controller is going to send the message to the internet module, wherein the internet module is arranged to respond to the signal by acknowledging receipt of the signal, and wherein the television controller is arranged to send the message to the internet module in response to the acknowledgment.

59. The web television of claim 44, wherein the internet module is arranged to transmit a request to the television controller, wherein the request comprises a request for the identification, and wherein the identification identifies the second software code.

60. A web television comprising:
a display;
a tuner, wherein the tuner is arranged to select television video for display on the display;
a television controller; and,
an internet module, wherein the internet module is arranged to supply internet video for display on the display, wherein the internet video is derived from internet communications between the web television and internet content providers, wherein the television controller and the internet module are arranged to communicate messages with one another, and wherein one of the messages contains software identification information.

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61. The web television of claim 60, wherein the software identification information includes a software version number.

62. The web television of claim 60, wherein the software identification information includes a software revision number.

63. The web television of claim 62, wherein the software identification information includes a software version number.

REMARKS

Claims 44-63 are now in the application and portions of the specification that are identified hereinbefore are hereby amended to be in accord with the subject matter of claims 44-63. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Favorable consideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

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VIDEO AND AUDIO FUNCTIONS IN A WEB TELEVISION

Related Applications

5 The present invention is related to the inventions disclosed in application U.S. Serial No. (7009) which was filed on _____, in application U.S. Serial No. (7010) which was filed on _____, and in application U.S. Serial No. (7012) which was filed on _____.

Technical Field of the Invention

10 The present invention relates to video and audio functions in a web television.

Background of the Invention

15 The internet has become an integral part in the way in which content is delivered to end users. For example, newspapers, magazines, and television and cable networks have web sites that are increasingly being used to deliver content. Content is delivered by on-line content providers which include, for example, web sites and on-line service providers such as AOL™.

20 Content is accessed by end users via on-line access devices. The on-line access device most often used currently is the personal computer. However, non-personal-computer on-line access devices are being, and have been, developed that enable end users to connect to the internet.

For example, one type of non-personal-computer on-line access device is a web television.

5 A web television generally includes many of the components of a conventional television, such as a television controller, a video processor, an audio processor, and the like. However, unlike a conventional television, a web television also includes an internet module, which permits the web television to be used as an on-line access device, and an input device, which permits the user to interface with the internet module and the web television in order to communicate over the internet by way of the web television. Accordingly, a web television may be used in a manner similar to a personal computer in order to gain access to on-line content providers.

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20 The television controller of a web television currently responds to inputs from the end user in order to control the web television in either a normal television mode or an internet mode. During the television mode, the television controller responds to instructions from the end user, usually by way of a remote control, in order to select and present television signals by way of the television's display and speakers. During the internet mode, the television controller transmits messages to the internet module

permitting the internet module to be used in order to communicate over the internet.

However, the television controllers of existing web televisions do not receive messages from their corresponding internet modules. Accordingly, the television controllers cannot determine the status of their corresponding internet modules, the software version numbers and revision numbers of the software being executed by their corresponding internet module, and other characteristics of the internet module which would be useful to the television controller. Also, current web televisions do not have integrated PIP functions (i.e., PIP functions that are internal to the web television and that do not require a set top internet box) which permit internet video from the internet module to be displayed in the PIP and which permit internet video from the internet module in the PIP to be swapped with television video from the television tuner of the web television. Moreover, current web televisions do not permit internet audio from the internet module to be swapped with television audio from the television tuner of the web television from a single integrated control source such as a television controller.

The present invention solves one or more of the above noted problems.

Summary of the Invention

5 In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, a web television comprises a display, a tuner, an internet module, a PIP module, and switching means. The tuner is arranged to select television video for display on the display. The internet module is arranged to supply internet video for display on the display, and the internet video is derived from internet communications between the web television and internet content providers. The PIP module is arranged to provide a PIP area in the display. The switching means switches the PIP area between the internet video and the television video.

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20 In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, a web television comprises a display, a tuner, an internet module, and switching means. The tuner is arranged to select television audio for display by a speaker of the web television. The internet module is arranged to supply internet audio for display by the speaker of the web television, and the internet audio is derived from internet communications between the web television and internet content providers. The switching means switches the speaker of the web television between the internet audio and the television audio.

In accordance with yet another aspect of the present invention, a web television comprises a monitor, a tuner, an internet module, and a switch. The tuner is arranged to select television video for display on the display. The internet module is arranged to supply internet video for display on the display, and the internet video is derived from internet communications between the web television and internet content providers. The switch is arranged to switch the display between the internet video and the television video.

In accordance with still another aspect of the present invention, a web television comprises a display, a tuner, an internet module, a PIP module, and swapping means. The tuner is arranged to select television video for display on the display and to select television audio for display by a speaker of the web television. The internet module is arranged to supply internet video for display on the display and to supply internet audio for display by the speaker of the web television, and the internet video and internet audio are derived from internet communications between the web television and internet content providers. The PIP module is arranged to provide a PIP area within a main area in the display. The swapping means swaps the internet video and the television video between the PIP area and the main

area in the display and swaps the internet audio and the television audio between the speaker of the web television.

In accordance with a further aspect of the present invention, a web television comprises a display, a tuner, a PIP module, and an integrated television/internet controller. The tuner is arranged to select television video for display on the display and to select television audio for display by a speaker of the web television. The PIP module is arranged to provide a PIP area within a main area of the display. The integrated television/internet controller is arranged to supply internet video for display on the display and to supply internet audio for display by the speaker of the web television, wherein the internet video and internet audio are derived from internet communications between the web television and internet content providers. The integrated television/internet controller is also arranged to swap the internet video and the television video between the PIP area and the main area of the display and to swap the internet audio and the television audio between the speaker of the web television.

Brief Description of the Drawings

These and other features and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent from a detailed consideration of the invention when taken in conjunction with the drawings in which:

Figure 1 illustrates a web television arranged in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2 illustrates a communication system having an internet module and a television controller for controlling the web television of Figure 1;

Figure 3 illustrates a message format of a status command message written by the television controller to the internet module of Figure 2;

Figure 4 illustrates a message format of a data page command message written by the television controller to the internet module of Figure 2;

Figure 5 illustrates a message format of a trackball position command message written by the television controller to the internet module of Figure 2;

Figure 6 illustrates a message format of a keyboard page command message written by the television controller to the internet module of Figure 2;

Figure 7 illustrates a message format of a controller version command message written by the television controller to the internet module of Figure 2;

Figure 8 illustrates a message format of a status response message read by the television controller from the internet module of Figure 2;

Figure 9 illustrates a message format of an internet module response message read by the television controller from the internet module of Figure 2;

Figures 10 - 13 illustrate a program which is executed by the television controller in writing messages to, and reading messages from, the internet module of Figure 1; and,

Figure 14 illustrates an alternative embodiment of a communication system having an integrated television/internet controller for controlling the web television of Figure 1.

Detailed Description

A web television 10 is illustrated in Figure 1 and includes a display 12 (such as a CRT) housed in a cabinet 14. The cabinet 14 also houses various switches 16 as well as an infrared sensor 18 that responds to an infrared remote control device 20. Alternatively, the remote control device

20 may be hardwired to the web television 10, or the remote control device 20 may transmit wireless signals of a kind other than infrared. The remote control device 20 may be a trakball type remote control, a conventional remote control, a keyboard type remote control, or the like.

A communication medium 22 is connected to the web television 10 permitting the web television 10 to communicate with on-line content providers such as by way of the internet. The communication medium 22 may be a phone line, a cable, an integrated services digital network, a digital subscriber line (which may include an asymmetrical digital subscriber line, a rate adapted digital subscriber line, or the like), a satellite link, or any other type of medium which supports communication between the web television 10 and on-line content providers.

A television control system 30 for controlling the operations of the web television 10 is illustrated in Figure 2. The television control system 30 includes a television controller 32, an internet module 34, an audio/video switch 36, a PIP module 38, a video processor 40, an audio processor 42, a raster control 44, a communication bus 46, and a tuner 48. The internet module 34 may be any of the suitable commercially available devices that permit communication between a television and on-line content providers. The

internet module 34 has an Ethernet port EN and a phone line port PL for connecting the internet module 34 to the communication medium 22 so that the internet module 34 may transmit and receive information to and from remote on-line devices. The internet module 34 also has a port PRT for connecting the internet module 34 to a printer so that internet communications may be printed.

The television controller 32 may be a microprocessor with corresponding memory and communication circuits for supporting communications over the communication bus 46 between the television controller 32, the internet module 34, the audio/video switch 36, the PIP module 38, the video processor 40, the audio processor 42, the raster control 44, and the tuner 48. The communication circuit of the television controller 32 includes a transmitter and a receiver. The communication bus 46 may be an IIC communication bus having serial control, data, and address lines.

The audio/video switch 36 is controlled by the television controller 32 in order to supply internet communications, which are supported by the internet module 34, and/or television signals, which are tuned by the tuner 48, to the PIP module 38, to the video processor 40, and to the audio processor 42. The PIP module 38, the video processor 40, the audio processor 42, and the raster control 44 are

controlled by the television controller 32 in order to appropriately supply the internet communications and television signals to the display 12 and the speakers of the web television 10.

5 Accordingly, the television controller 32, in response to appropriate signals from the remote control device 20, may control the audio/video switch 36, the PIP module 38, the video processor 40, the audio processor 42, and the raster control 44 so that (i) internet video is displayed on the display 12 and audio supported by the internet module 34 is provided to the speakers of the web television 10, (ii) television video is displayed on the display 12 and audio selected by the tuner 48 is provided to the speakers of the web television 10, (iii) internet video supported by the internet module 34 is displayed on the display 12 and television audio selected by the tuner 48 is provided to the speakers of the web television 10, (iv) internet audio supported by the internet module 34 is provided to the speakers and television video selected by the tuner 48 is displayed on the display 12 of the web television 10, (v) internet video supported by the internet module 34 is displayed in a PIP area in the display 12, television video selected by the tuner 48 is displayed in the main area in the display 12, and either internet audio

or television audio is provided to the speakers of the web television 10, and/or (vi) television video selected by the tuner 48 is displayed in a PIP area of the display 12, internet video supported by the internet module 34 is displayed in the main area of the display 12, and either internet audio or television audio is provided to the speakers of the web television 10. The television controller 32, in response to appropriate signals from the remote control device 20, may also control the audio/video switch 36, the PIP module 38, the video processor 40, the audio processor 42, and the raster control 44 to swap internet video and television video between the PIP area and the main area, and to swap the speaker of the web television 10 between internet audio and television audio.

Alternatively, a swapping function may be initiated by the internet module 34. For example, when the web television 10 is in internet mode so that an internet screen is displayed on the display 12, a button on the internet screen may be selected by the user through use of the remote control device 20 causing the internet module 34 to send a request for a PIP swap to the television controller 32. In response, the television controller 32 suitably controls the audio/video switch 36, the PIP module 38, the video processor 40, the audio processor 42, and the raster control 44 to

swap internet video and television video between the PIP area and the main area, and/or to swap the speaker of the web television 10 between internet audio and television audio. As another example, when the web television 10 is in internet mode, the internet module 34 may determine that the reception of an internet communication is taking too long and, until reception is complete, is appropriating the main television unnecessarily. Accordingly, the internet module 34 may send a request for a PIP swap to the television controller 32 causing the television controller 32 to swap internet video to the PIP area and television video to the main area, and/or to swap the speaker of the web television 10 from internet audio to television audio, so that the user need not be bothered with the internet communication until its reception is complete.

The communication bus 46 supports two-way communication between the internet module 34 and the television controller 32. Examples of messages which may be used during such communication are shown in Figures 3-9 as messages 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, and 120. During communication between the television controller 32 and the internet module 34, the television controller 32 operates as a master station by controlling communication between the television

controller 32 and the internet module 34 over the communication bus 46.

Accordingly, as shown by each of the messages 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, and 120, the television controller 32 initiates each communication between itself and the internet module 34 by transmitting a start signal, which may be a bit or bit sequence and which designates the start of the messages 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, and 120, followed by an appropriate slave address. The slave address (i) specifies the address of a module (such as the internet module 34), and (ii) designates whether the television controller 32 is writing to the communication bus 46 (i.e., transmitting) or reading from the communication bus 46 (i.e., receiving).

As shown by each of the messages 60, 70, 80, 90, and 100 of Figures 3-7, a write slave address having a particular value, such as \$44, is transmitted by the television controller 32 when the television controller 32 writes a message to the communication bus 46 and the message is intended for the internet module 34. As shown by each of the messages 110 and 120 of Figures 8 and 9, a read slave address having a particular value, such as \$45, is transmitted by the television controller 32 when the television controller 32 determines to read information on the communication bus 46 from the internet module 34. After the tele-

vision controller 32 transmits the start signal followed by the slave address, the television controller 32 waits for an acknowledgement (ACK) from the internet module 34.

5 The message 60 illustrated in Figure 3 is transmitted to the internet module 34 whenever the television controller 32 has status information to transmit, such as in the event that (i) a change occurs which affects a mode bit in the message 60 (these mode bits are described below), (ii) the television controller 32 receives a request from the internet module 34, in which case the message 60 is transmitted by the television controller 32 as an acknowledgement of the request, (iii) the internet module 34 fails to respond to a poll from the television controller 32 for a predetermined amount of time, (iv) the television controller 32 receives a command from the user which switches the television controller 32 in or out of internet mode, or the like.

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20 Upon receipt of an acknowledgement (ACK) from the internet module 34, the television controller 32 transmits a status command byte (which may have a value of \$00, for example) to indicate that the message 60 is a status message containing certain status information. This status information indicates to the internet module 34 the status of certain modes of the web television 10. The television con-

troller 32 then waits to receive from the internet module 34 an acknowledgement of the command byte. Upon receiving this acknowledgement, the television controller 32 transmits a mode byte.

5 The mode byte, for example, may be eight bits in length and may be used for a variety of purposes. The mode byte may have (i) a first bit which indicates whether the web television 10 is off or on, (ii) a second bit which indicates a television receiver configuration or model, (iii) a third bit which indicates whether the main area of the display 12 is to contain internet video received by the internet module 34 or television video of a television signal selected by the tuner 48, (iv) a fourth bit which indicates whether the speakers of the web television 10 are supplied with internet audio received by the internet module 34 or television audio of a television signal selected by the tuner 48, (v) a fifth bit which indicates whether the PIP module 38 is on or off, (vi) a sixth bit which indicates whether a screen saver mode is on or off, and (vii) two bits for the like purposes.

 The information contained in these mode bits may indicate the results of commands from the end user by way of the television controller 32 or from the internet module 34. For example, if the end user desires to place internet video

in the main area of the display 12 and to place television video in the PIP area of the display 12, the end user will do so by use of the remote control device 20 which causes the television controller 32 to send commands in order to control the audio/video switch 36, the PIP module 38, the video processor 40, the audio processor 42, the raster control 44, and/or the tuner 48, as appropriate. The results of these control actions affect the mode bits, causing the television controller 32 to send the message 60 to the internet module 34. As another example, the internet module 34 may transmit a request to the television controller 32 that internet video be placed in the main area of the display 12 and that television video be placed in the PIP area of the display 12. Such a request may result from a selection by the end user of an appropriate button in an internet screen supplied to the display 12 by the internet module 34. As a result of the request, the television controller 32 sends commands to control the audio/video switch 36, the PIP module 38, the video processor 40, the audio processor 42, the raster control 44, and/or the tuner 48, as appropriate. This action also affects the mode bits, causing the television controller 32 to send the message 60 to the internet module 34 as an acknowledgement of the request transmitted by the internet module 34 to the television controller 32.

Following transmission of the mode byte, the television controller 32 waits for an acknowledgement from the internet module 34. Upon receipt of the acknowledgement, the television controller 32 transmits a request byte which, for example, may be used to request the internet module 34 (i) to transmit back its version ID (which may be useful for diagnostic purposes), (ii) to reset the internet module 34 (such as when the web television 10 is turned off by the end user, when the internet module 34 fails to acknowledge the communication bus 46 for more than a predefined limit of time, or when the internet module 34 otherwise requires reset), or the like. A request that the internet module 34 reset itself causes the internet module 34 to transmit back a status message indicating compliance.

After transmittal of the request byte, the television controller 32 waits for an acknowledgement. Upon receipt of the acknowledgement, the television controller 32 transmits a stop signal (such as a bit or bit sequence) designating the end of the message 60.

The messages 70, 80, and 90 are illustrated in Figures 4, 5, and 6. The messages 70, 80, and 90 are similar to the message 60 of Figure 3 in that the messages 70, 80, and 90 are initiated with a start signal followed by the write slave address indicating that information is to be

transmitted by the television controller 32 to the internet module 34. Upon receipt of an acknowledgement from the internet module 34, the television controller 32 transmits a remote control command byte (which may have a value of \$01, for example) to indicate that the messages 70, 80, and 90 contain remote control information which has been transmitted by the remote control device 20 to the television controller 32 and which may be useful to the internet module 34. After acknowledgement of this remote control command byte, the television controller 32 next transmits a remote control page byte which indicates that certain remote control page information follows.

For example, as shown in Figure 4, the remote control page byte of the message 70 is a data page byte (containing a value of \$09, for example) to indicate that the message 70 includes a data byte. After transmitting the remote control data page byte, the television controller 32 waits for an acknowledgement. Upon receipt of the acknowledgement, the television controller 32 transmits the data byte. The data byte may be used to transmit trakball push (click) data in the case where the remote control device 20 has a trakball and the trakball has been pushed, enter key push (click) data in the case where the remote control device 20 has an enter key and the enter key has been

pushed, and the like. After transmittal of the data byte, the television controller 32 waits for an acknowledgement from the internet module 34. Upon receipt of the acknowledgement, the television controller 32 transmits a stop signal designating the end of the message 70.

The message 80, which is shown in Figure 5, is transmitted by the television controller 32 in order to convey displacement information to the internet module 34. For example, the displacement information transmitted in the message 80 may include the x and y position of a cursor or highlighting or the like, as selected by movement of a trakball on a trakball type remote control. As another example, the displacement information transmitted in the message 80 may include the x and y position of a cursor or highlighting or the like, as selected by arrow keys on either a conventional remote control, a keyboard remote control, or a trakball remote control.

The message 80 includes the start signal, the write slave address, the remote control command byte, and the remote control page byte described above. However, unlike the remote control page byte of the message 70, the remote control page byte of the message 80 is an X-Y position page byte (containing a value of \$14, for example) to indicate that displacement information is contained in the

message 80. Accordingly, as indicated in Figure 5, upon receipt of an acknowledgement following transmission of the remote control page byte, the television controller 32 transmits X and Y position bytes. The X position byte designates a current X position of a cursor, highlighting, or the like, as selected by a trakball, by arrow keys, or the like. The Y position byte similarly designates a current Y position of a cursor, highlighting, or the like, as selected by a trakball, by arrow keys, or the like. Upon receipt of an acknowledgement after transmission of each of the X and Y position bytes, the television controller 32 transmits a stop signal designating the end of the message 80.

The message 90, which is shown in Figure 6, is transmitted by the television controller 32 in order to convey alpha and/or numeric character data or the like to the internet module 34. For example, when the web television 10 is in internet mode and the remote control device 20 transmits characters (such as alpha and/or numeric characters) to the web television 10, the television controller 32 responds by transmitting the characters to the internet module 34 by way of the message 90. The message 90 includes the start signal, the write slave address, the remote control command byte, and the remote control page de-

scribed above. However, unlike the remote control page bytes of the messages 70 and 80, the remote control page byte of the message 90 is a keyboard page byte (containing a value of \$15, for example) to indicate that character data is contained in the message 90. Accordingly, as indicated in Figure 6, upon receipt of an acknowledgement following transmission of the remote control page byte, the television controller 32 transmits the last keystroke followed by the current keystroke. Following suitable acknowledgements, the television controller 32 transmits a stop signal designating the end of the message 90.

The television controller 32 transmits a message 100 as illustrated in Figure 7 in order to convey to the internet module 34 the revision and version numbers of the television controller 32. The message 100 includes the start signal and the write slave address described above. Following acknowledgement of the write slave address byte by the internet module 34, the television controller 32 transmits a version command byte in the message 100. The version command byte of the message 100 (containing a value of \$04, for example) indicates that the message 100 contains the revision and version numbers of the television controller 32. The revision and version numbers of the television controller 32 may be useful to the internet module 34 in

determining which of its features are compatible with the software executed by the television controller 32 and, therefore, should be initialized.

As indicated above, when the television controller 32 is ready to read information which it previously requested from the internet module 34, or when the television controller 32 is ready to poll the internet module 34, it transmits a read slave address over the communication bus 46. Accordingly, as shown in Figures 8 and 9, this read slave address may have a value of \$45, for example. The internet module 34 will then return the previously requested information and/or its status in a message format such as that shown in Figures 8 and 9.

The message 110 shown in Figure 8 includes a start signal, as described above, and a read slave address, both of which are transmitted by the television controller 32. Generally, a read slave address, which does not follow a previous request by the television controller 32 for specific information from the internet module 34 (such as version and revision numbers), indicates that the television controller 32 is polling the internet module 34. Following transmission of the start signal and the read slave address, the television controller 32 waits for an acknowledgement from the internet module 34 and an additional byte which,

for example, may have a status indicating byte as shown in Figure 8 or a version indicating byte as shown in Figure 9.

5 In the message 110, a status indicating byte
(containing a value of \$00, for example) indicates that mode
and status information bytes follow. The mode byte in the
message 110 may be used to indicate certain information such
as (i) whether the internet module 34 is active and has been
10 initialized, (ii) whether the internet module 34 is connect-
ed to a phone line or whether the internet module is off-
line, (iii) whether the internet module 34 is connected to
the Ethernet, and (iv) other possible information such as
whether the internet module 34 is executing Web Browser,
Email, User Setup, or other applications. Following receipt
15 of the status indicating and mode bytes, the television
controller 32 transmits corresponding acknowledgements and
then waits for a status byte.

20 The status byte received by the television con-
troller 32 may indicate whether internet audio or television
audio is being supplied to the speaker of the web television
10, whether a Screen Saver mode of the internet module 34 is
on or off, and the like. Following receipt of the status
byte, the television controller 32 transmits an acknowledge-
ment and waits for a request byte.

5 The request byte from the internet module 34 may request the television controller 32 to perform one or more of the following functions: (i) transmit its version ID; (ii) execute a PIP swap function; (iii) execute a PIP off function; (iv) execute a PIP on function; (v) switch the video output of the internet module 34 into the main area of the display 12; (vi) switch the video output of the tuner 48 into the main area of the display 12; and the like.

10 Many of these requests result when the user, by use of the remote control device 20 for example, clicks on an appropriate button of an internet screen which the internet module 34 causes to appear on the display 12 of the web television 10. The click information is transmitted by the television controller 32 in the messages 70, 80, and 90, as appropriate, and the selected buttons are then transmitted by the internet module 34 to the television controller 32 as requests so that the television controller 32 can take appropriate action with respect to the audio/video switch 36, the PIP module 38, the video processor 40, the audio processor 42, and the raster control 44. Additionally, the television controller 32 transmits the message 100 to the internet module 34 in response to function (i) above, and the television controller 32 transmits the message 60 to the

internet module 34 in response to functions (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), and the like.

Following receipt of the request byte, the television controller 32 transmits an acknowledgement and waits for a checksum byte. All messages which are sent from the internet module 34 to the television controller 32 over the communication bus 46 may use a checksum at the end of the message for detection of transmission errors. This checksum may be the two's complement of the sum of all bytes transmitted in the message, not including the device address. In this way, the sum of all bytes following the device address will be zero. If this checksum is not zero, the message will not be processed by the television controller 32 and the television controller 32 will require a retransmission of the message from the internet module 34. Following receipt of the checksum byte, the television controller 32 transmits a HIGH line level followed by a stop signal.

The message 120 as illustrated in Figure 9 is transmitted so that the internet module 34 may respond to the message 60 having its request byte set to request version and revision numbers from the internet module 34. The message 120 includes the start signal and the read slave address of the message 110. Following transmission of the start signal and the read slave address, the television

controller 32 waits for an acknowledgement followed by a byte having a value indicating that version identification information from the internet module 34 follows. For example, this byte may have a value of \$03. Following receipt of this version identification indicating byte, the television controller 32 transmits, to the internet module 34, an acknowledgement that it has received the version identification indicating byte.

Upon receipt of this acknowledgement, the internet module 34 transmits a software revision number byte. Following receipt of the software revision number byte, the television controller 32 transmits an acknowledgement and then waits for a software version byte.

Upon receipt of this acknowledgement, the internet module 34 transmits the software version number byte. Following receipt of the software version number byte, the television controller 32 transmits an acknowledgement and then waits for a checksum byte.

Following receipt of the checksum byte, the television controller 32 transmits a HIGH line level and a stop signal.

Figures 10-13 illustrate an example of a program 200 which may be executed by the television controller 32 in order to facilitate the transmission and reception of the

5 messages 60-120 over the communication bus 46. The program
200, for the most part, is an event-initiated program. In
general terms, the events are either user-selected events
(for example, events selected by the user through use of the
remote control device 20) or polling events. In the case of
user-selected events, a block 202 determines whether the
event is an user instruction to turn on the web television
10. If so, a block 204 transmits messages to the tuner 48,
the audio/video switch 36, the video processor 40, and the
audio processor 42 to begin displaying video and audio on
the web television 10. The block 204 also transmits, to the
internet module 34, the message 60 with the first bit of the
message 60 set to indicate that the web television 10 is on.

15 A block 206 determines whether the event is an
user instruction to turn off the web television 10. If so,
a block 208 transmits messages to the audio/video switch 36,
the video processor 40, the audio processor 42, and the
tuner 48 to turn off the web television 10. The block 208
also transmits, to the internet module 34, the message 60
with the first bit of the message 60 set to indicate that
the web television 10 is off.

20 A block 210 determines whether the event is an
user instruction or an internet module 34 request to turn on
the PIP area. If so, a block 212 transmits a message to the

PIP module 38 in order to initiate PIP operation. The block 212 also transmits, to the internet module 34, the message 60 with the fifth bit of the message 60 set to indicate that PIP operation has been initiated.

5 A block 214 determines whether the event is an user instruction or an internet module 34 request to turn off the PIP area. If so, a block 216 transmits a message to the PIP module 38 in order to conclude PIP operation. The block 216 also transmits, to the internet module 34, the message 60 with the fifth bit of the message 60 set to indicate that PIP operation has been concluded.

10 A block 218 determines whether the event is an user instruction or an internet module 34 request to perform a PIP swap. If so, a block 220 transmits a message to the audio/video switch 36 in order to swap video between the PIP display and the main area of the display 12. The block 220 also transmits, to the internet module 34, the message 60 with the third bit of the message 60 set to indicate that internet video or television video, as appropriate, is in the main area of the display 12. If internet video is in the PIP area and television video is in the main area before the swap so that internet video is in the main area and television video is in the PIP area after the swap, the internet video after the swap may be wrapped around the PIP

area so that none of the internet communication being displayed is covered over by the PIP area. This wrapping may be implemented by the internet module 34 itself, or the television controller 32 may implement wrapping by suitable control of the video processor 40 and the raster control 44. This wrapping capability provides a distinct advantage over set top box type web televisions.

A block 222 determines whether the event is an user instruction or an internet module 34 request to place internet video from the internet module 34 in the main area of the display 12. If so, a block 224 transmits a message to the audio/video switch 36 in order to place internet video from the internet module 34 in the main area of the display 12. The block 224 also transmits, to the internet module 34, the message 60 with the third bit of the message 60 set to indicate that internet video from the internet module 34 should be in the main area of the display 12.

A block 226 determines whether the event is an user instruction or an internet module 34 request to place television video from the tuner 48 in the main area of the display 12. If so, a block 228 transmits a message to the audio/video switch 36 in order to place television video from the tuner 48 in the main area of the display 12. The block 228 also transmits, to the internet module 34, the

message 60 with the third bit of the message 60 set to indicate that television video from the tuner 48 should be in the main area of the display 12.

5 A block 230 determines whether the event is an user instruction to connect television audio from the tuner 48 to the speakers of the web television 10. If so, a block 232 transmits a message to the audio/video switch 36 in order to connect television audio from the tuner 48 to the speakers of the web television 10. The block 232 also transmits, to the internet module 34, the message 60 with the fourth bit of the message 60 set to indicate that television audio from the tuner 48 is connected to the speakers of the web television 10.

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20 A block 234 determines whether the event is an user instruction to connect internet audio from the internet module 34 to the speakers of the web television 10. If so, a block 236 transmits a message to the audio/video switch 36 in order to connect internet audio from the internet module 34 to the speakers of the web television 10. The block 236 also transmits, to the internet module 34, the message 60 with the fourth bit of the message 60 set to indicate that internet audio from the internet module 34 is connected to the speakers of the web television 10.

5 A block 238 determines whether the event is a
click of a trakball of a trakball remote control device 20,
of an enter key of a keyboard or other remote control device
20, or the like. If so, a block 240 sends the message 70 to
the internet module 34 to indicate the click. A block 242
determines whether the event is a change in cursor position
as selected by use of a trakball of a trakball remote con-
trol device 20. by arrow keys of a keyboard or other remote
control device 20, or the like. If so, a block 244 trans-
mits the message 80 in order to transmit the displacement
information to the internet module 34. A block 246 deter-
mines whether the event is a key stroke of a keyboard remote
control device 20. If so, a block 248 transmits the message
90 in order to transmit the last keystroke and the current
keystroke to the internet module 34.

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20 A block 250 determines whether the event is a
request from the internet module 34 for the version of the
software executed by the television controller 32. If so, a
block 252 transmits, to the internet module 34, the message
100 containing the revision and version numbers of the
software executed by the television controller 32.

Polling is a timed event. When a timed event
occurs, or if the television controller 32 otherwise deter-
mines to read information from the internet module 34, a

block 300 initiates the transmission of an appropriate message such as the message 110 or the message 120. A block 302 awaits the receipt of the bytes subsequent to the read slave address byte of the message 110 or the message 120.

5 As each byte subsequent to the read slave address byte of the message 110 or the message 120 is received by the television controller 32, a block 304 appropriately processes the received data and transmits acknowledgements.

10 As shown in Figure 14, the functions of the television controller 32 and of the internet module 34 may be integrated within the same processing block, such as a television/internet controller 400. The television/internet controller 400 communicates with on-line content providers and provides internet communications to an audio/video switch 402. The audio/video switch 402 also receives television signals as selected by a tuner 404. As in the case of the audio/video switch 36, the audio/video switch 402 provides internet and/or television video to a PIP module 406 and to a video processor 408, and provides internet and/or television audio to an audio processor 410. The television/internet controller 400 suitably controls the audio/video switch 402, the PIP module 406, the video processor 408, the audio processor 410, and a raster control 44 in the same fashion as is described in connection with Figure

2. The television/internet controller 400 may be microprocessor based and programmed to incorporate all of the functions described above in connection with the television controller 32 and the internet module 34.

5 Certain modifications of the present invention have been discussed above. Other modifications will occur to those practicing in the art of the present invention. For example, each portion of the messages 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, and 120 is described above as a single byte. 10 Instead, each portion of the messages 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, and 120 may be comprised of several bytes or one or more other data units.

15 Accordingly, the description of the present invention is to be construed as illustrative only and is for the purpose of teaching those skilled in the art the best mode of carrying out the invention. The details may be varied substantially without departing from the spirit of the invention, and the exclusive use of all modifications which are within the scope of the appended claims is reserved.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A web television comprising:
2 a display;
3 a tuner, wherein the tuner is arranged to select
4 television video for display on the display;
5 an internet module, wherein the internet module is
6 arranged to supply internet video for display on the display,
7 wherein the internet video is derived from internet
8 communications between the web television and internet
9 content providers;
10 a PIP module, wherein the PIP module is arranged
11 to provide a PIP area of the display; and,
12 switching means for switching the PIP area between
13 the internet video and the television video.

1 2. The web television of claim 1 wherein the
2 switching means comprises:
3 a switch having a first input connected to receive
4 the internet video, a second input connected to receive the
5 television video, a first output arranged to supply either
6 the television video or the internet video to the PIP module
7 for display in the PIP area, and a second output arranged to

8 supply either the television video or the internet video for
9 display in a main area of the display; and,
10 a television controller arranged to control the
11 switch.

1 3. The web television of claim 2 wherein the
2 television controller includes means for receiving informa-
3 tion from the internet module requesting a switch of the
4 television video and the internet video between the PIP area
5 and the main area of the display.

1 4. The web television of claim 2 wherein the
2 television controller includes means for transmitting a
3 message to the internet module indicating whether the inter-
4 net video or the television video is in the main area of the
5 display.

1 5. The web television of claim 2 wherein the
2 television controller includes means for transmitting a
3 message to the internet module indicating whether the PIP
4 area is on or off.

1 6. The web television of claim 2 wherein the
2 television controller includes means for receiving informa-
3 tion from the internet module requesting that the internet
4 video or the television video be provided in the main area
5 of the display.

1 7. The web television of claim 2 wherein the
2 television controller includes means for receiving informa-
3 tion from the internet module requesting that the PIP area
4 be on or off.

1 8. The web television of claim 2 wherein the
2 television controller includes means for controlling the
3 main area so that, when the television video is in the PIP
4 area and the internet video is in the main area of the
5 display, the internet video wraps around the PIP area.

1 9. The web television of claim 1 wherein the
2 switching means includes means for receiving information
3 from the internet module requesting a switch of the televi-
4 sion video and the internet video between the PIP area and a
5 main area of the display.

1 10. The web television of claim 1 wherein the
2 switching means includes means for transmitting a message to
3 the internet module indicating whether the internet video or
4 the television video is in a main area of the display.

1 11. The web television of claim 1 wherein the
2 switching means includes means for transmitting a message to
3 the internet module indicating whether PIP area is on or
4 off.

1 12. The web television of claim 1 wherein the
2 switching means includes means for receiving information
3 from the internet module requesting that the internet video
4 or the television video be provided in a main area of the
5 display.

1 13. The web television of claim 1 wherein the
2 switching means includes means for receiving information
3 from the internet module requesting that the PIP area be on
4 or off.

1 14. The web television of claim 1 wherein the
2 switching means includes means for controlling a main area
3 of the display so that, when the television video is in the
4 PIP area and the internet video is in the main area of the
5 display, the internet video wraps around the PIP area.

1 15. The web television of claim 1 wherein the
2 switching means and the internet module are integrated in
3 the same processing block.

1 16. A web television comprising:
2 a cabinet;
3 a display within the cabinet;
4 a tuner, wherein the tuner is arranged to select
5 television audio for display by a speaker of the web televi-
6 sion;

7 an internet module within the cabinet, wherein the
8 internet module is arranged to supply internet audio for
9 display by the speaker of the web television, wherein the
10 internet audio is derived from internet communications be-
11 tween the web television and internet content providers;
12 and,

13 switching means for switching the speaker of the
14 web television between the internet audio and the television
15 audio.

1 17. The web television of claim 16 wherein the
2 switching means comprises:

3 a switch having a first input connected to receive
4 the internet audio, a second input connected to receive the
5 television audio, and an output arranged to supply either
6 the television audio or the internet audio to the speaker;
7 and,

8 a television controller arranged to control the
9 switch.

10 18. The web television of claim 16 wherein the
11 television controller includes means for transmitting a
12 message to the internet module indicating whether the inter-
13 net audio or the television audio is supplied to the speaker
14 of the web television.
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1 19. The web television of claim 16 wherein the
2 switching means includes means for transmitting a message to
3 the internet module indicating whether the internet audio or
4 the television audio is supplied to the speaker of the web
5 television.

1 20. The web television of claim 16 wherein the
2 switching means and the internet module are integrated in
3 the same processing block.

4 21. A web television comprising:
5 a cabinet;
6 a display within the cabinet;
7 a tuner, wherein the tuner is arranged to select
8 television video for display on the display;
9 an internet module within the cabinet, wherein the
10 internet module is arranged to supply internet video for
11 display on the display, wherein the internet video is de-
12 rived from internet communications between the web televi-
 sion and internet content providers; and,
 a switch arranged to switch the display between
 the internet video and the television video.

1 22. The web television of claim 21 wherein the
2 switch has a first input connected to receive the internet
3 video, a second input connected to receive the television
4 video, and an output arranged to supply either the televi-
5 sion video or the internet video to the display, and wherein
6 the web television further comprises a television controller
7 arranged to control the switch.

1 23. The web television of claim 22 wherein the
2 television controller includes means for receiving informa-
3 tion from the internet module requesting a switch of the
4 display between the television video and the internet video.

1 24. The web television of claim 22 wherein the
2 television controller includes means for transmitting a
3 message to the internet module indicating whether the inter-
4 net video or the television video is in the display.

1 25. The web television of claim 21 wherein the
2 switch and the internet module are integrated in the same
3 processing block.

1 26. A web television comprising:
2 a display;
3 a tuner, wherein the tuner is arranged to select
4 television video for display on the display and to select
5 television audio for display by a speaker of the web televi-
6 sion;
7 an internet module, wherein the internet module is
8 arranged to supply internet video for display on the display
9 and to supply internet audio for display by the speaker of
10 the web television, wherein the internet video and internet
11 audio are derived from internet communications between the
12 web television and internet content providers;
13 a PIP module, wherein the PIP module is arranged
14 to provide a PIP area within a main area of the display;
15 and,
16 swapping means for swapping the internet video and
17 the television video between the PIP area and the main area
18 of the display and for swapping the internet audio and the
19 television audio between the speaker of the web television.

1 27. The web television of claim 26 wherein the
2 swapping means comprises:

3 a switch having a first input connected to receive
4 the internet video and internet audio, a second input con-
5 nected to receive the television video and television audio,
6 a first output arranged to supply either the television
7 video or the internet video to the PIP module for display in
8 the PIP area, a second output arranged to supply either the
9 television video or the internet video to the display for
10 display in the main area, and a third output arranged to
11 supply either internet audio or television audio to a speak-
12 er of the web television; and,

13 a television controller arranged to control the
14 switch.

15 28. The web television of claim 27 wherein the
16 television controller includes means for transmitting a
17 message to the internet module indicating whether the inter-
18 net audio or the television audio is supplied to the speaker
19 of the web television.

1 29. The web television of claim 27 wherein the
2 television controller includes means for receiving informa-
3 tion from the internet module requesting a switch of the
4 television video and the internet video between the PIP area
5 and the main area of the display.

1 30. The web television of claim 27 wherein the
2 television controller includes means for transmitting a
3 message to the internet module indicating whether the inter-
4 net video or the television video is in the main area of the
5 display.

1 31. The web television of claim 27 wherein the
2 television controller includes means for transmitting a
3 message to the internet module indicating whether the PIP
4 area is on or off.

1 32. The web television of claim 27 wherein the
2 television controller includes means for receiving informa-
3 tion from the internet module requesting that the internet
4 video or the television video be provided in the main area
5 of the display.

1 33. The web television of claim 27 wherein the
2 television controller includes means for receiving informa-
3 tion from the internet module requesting that the PIP area
4 be on or off.

1 34. The web television of claim 27 wherein the
2 television controller includes means for controlling the
3 main area so that, when the television video is in the PIP
4 area and the internet video is in the main area of the
5 display, the internet video wraps around the PIP area.

1 35. The web television of claim 26 wherein the
2 swapping means includes means for receiving information from
3 the internet module requesting a switch of the television
4 video and the internet video between the PIP area and the
5 main area of the display.

1 36. The web television of claim 26 wherein the
2 swapping means includes means for transmitting a message to
3 the internet module indicating whether the internet video or
4 the television video is in the main area of the display.

1 37. The web television of claim 26 wherein the
2 swapping means includes means for transmitting a message to
3 the internet module indicating whether the PIP area is on or
4 off.

1 38. The web television of claim 26 wherein the
2 swapping means includes means for receiving information from
3 the internet module requesting that the internet video or
4 the television video be provided in the main area of the
5 display.

1 39. The web television of claim 26 wherein the
2 swapping means includes means for receiving information from
3 the internet module requesting that the PIP area be on or
4 off.

1 40. The web television of claim 26 wherein the
2 swapping means includes means for controlling the main area
3 so that, when the television video is in the PIP area and
4 the internet video is in the main area of the display, the
5 internet video wraps around the PIP area.

1 41. The web television of claim 26 wherein the
2 swapping means includes means for transmitting a message to
3 the internet module indicating whether the internet audio or
4 the television audio is supplied to the speaker of the web
5 television.

1 42. The web television of claim 26 wherein the
2 swapping means and the internet module are integrated in the
3 same processing block.

1 43. A web television comprising:
2 a display;
3 a tuner, wherein the tuner is arranged to select
4 television video for display on the display and to select
5 television audio for display by a speaker of the web televi-
6 sion;

7 a PIP module, wherein the PIP module is arranged
8 to provide a PIP area within a main area of the display;
9 and,

10 an integrated television/internet controller,
11 wherein the integrated television/internet controller is
12 arranged to supply internet video for display on the display
13 and to supply internet audio for display by the speaker of
14 the web television, wherein the internet video and internet

15 audio are derived from internet communications between the
16 web television and internet content providers, wherein the
17 integrated television/internet controller is arranged to
18 swap the internet video and the television video between the
19 PIP area and the main area of the display and to swap the
20 internet audio and the television audio between the speaker
21 of the web television.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A web television includes a display, a tuner, an
internet module, and a PIP module. The tuner is arranged to
select television video for display on the display and to
select television audio for display by a speaker of the web
television. The internet module is arranged to supply
internet video for display on the display and to supply
internet audio for display by the speaker of the web televi-
sion, and the internet video and audio are derived from
internet communications between the web television and
internet content providers. The PIP module is arranged to
provide a PIP area within a main area of the display. The
internet video and the television video may be swapped
between the PIP area and the main area of the display, and
the speaker of the web television may be swapped between the
internet audio and the television audio.

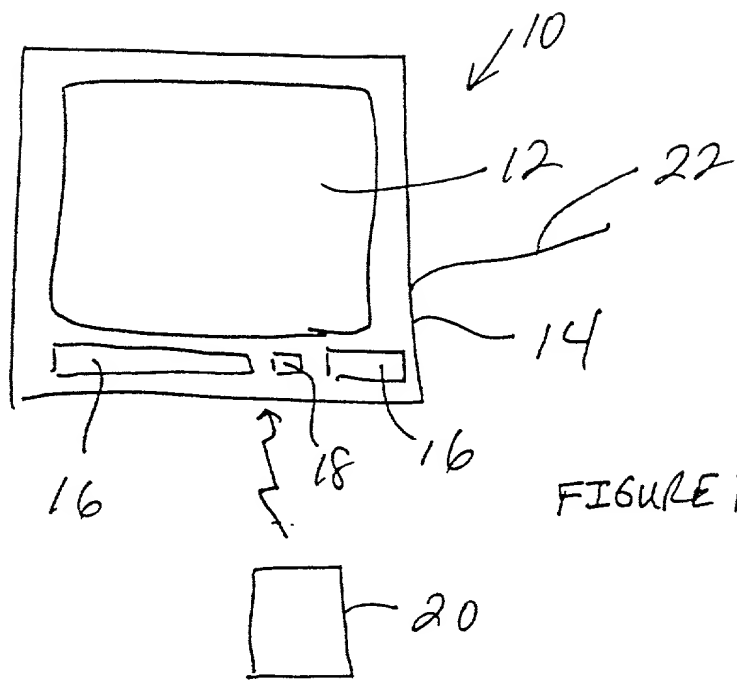
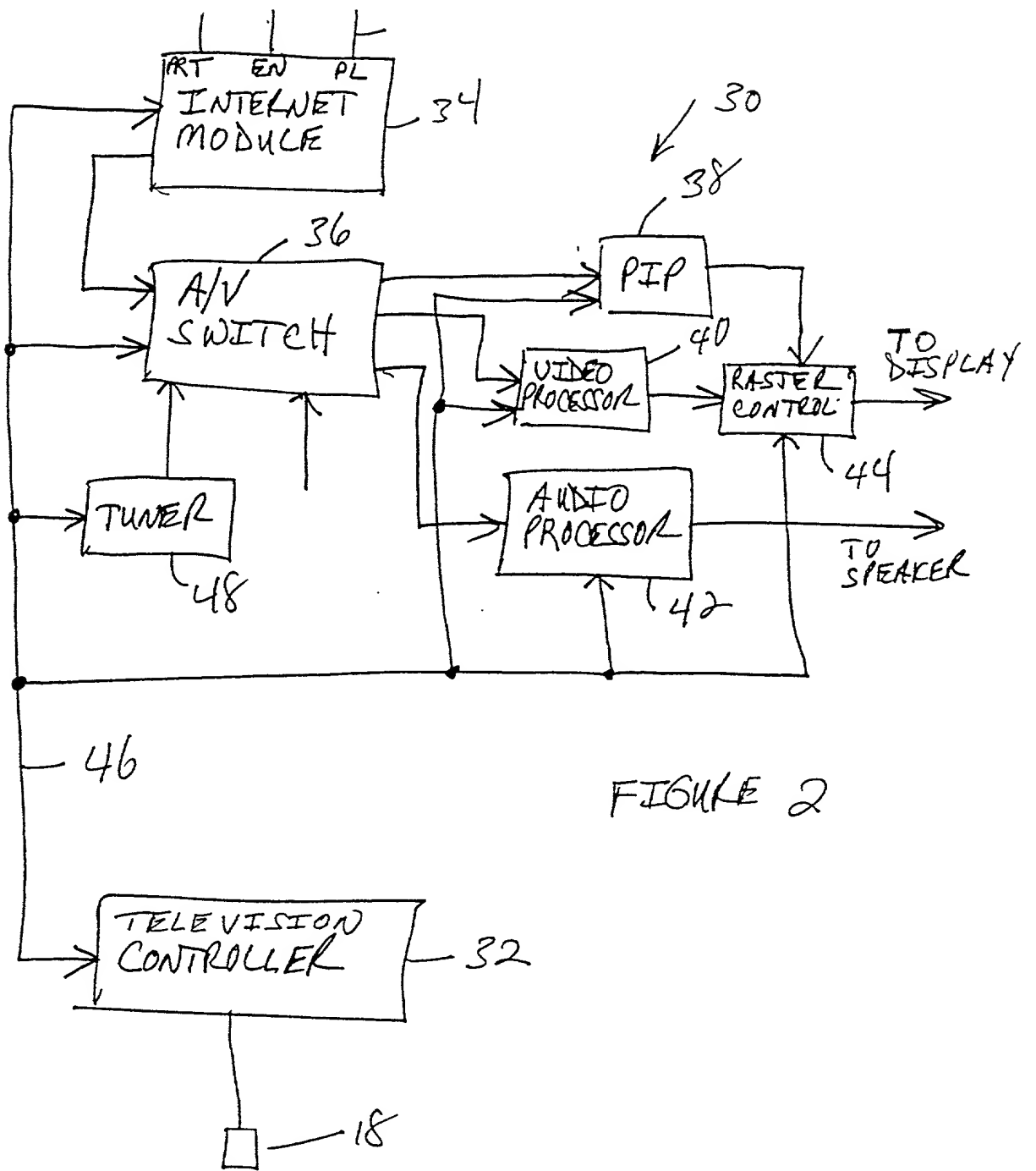


FIGURE 1

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TV	STATUS	SLAVE ADDRESS	COMMAND	SOFTWARE REVISION #	SOFTWARE VERSION #	STATUS
		\$44	\$03			
FM			ACK	ACK	ACK	ACK

TV	START	SLAVE ADDRESS \$45			ACK		ACK		ACK		ACK		HHS	STOP
IM			ACK	STATUS \$00	MODE BYTE		STATUS BYTE		REQUEST BYTE		CHECKSUM			

FIGURE 9

TV	START	SLAVE ADDRESS \$45			ACK		ACK		ACK		ENDING	STOP
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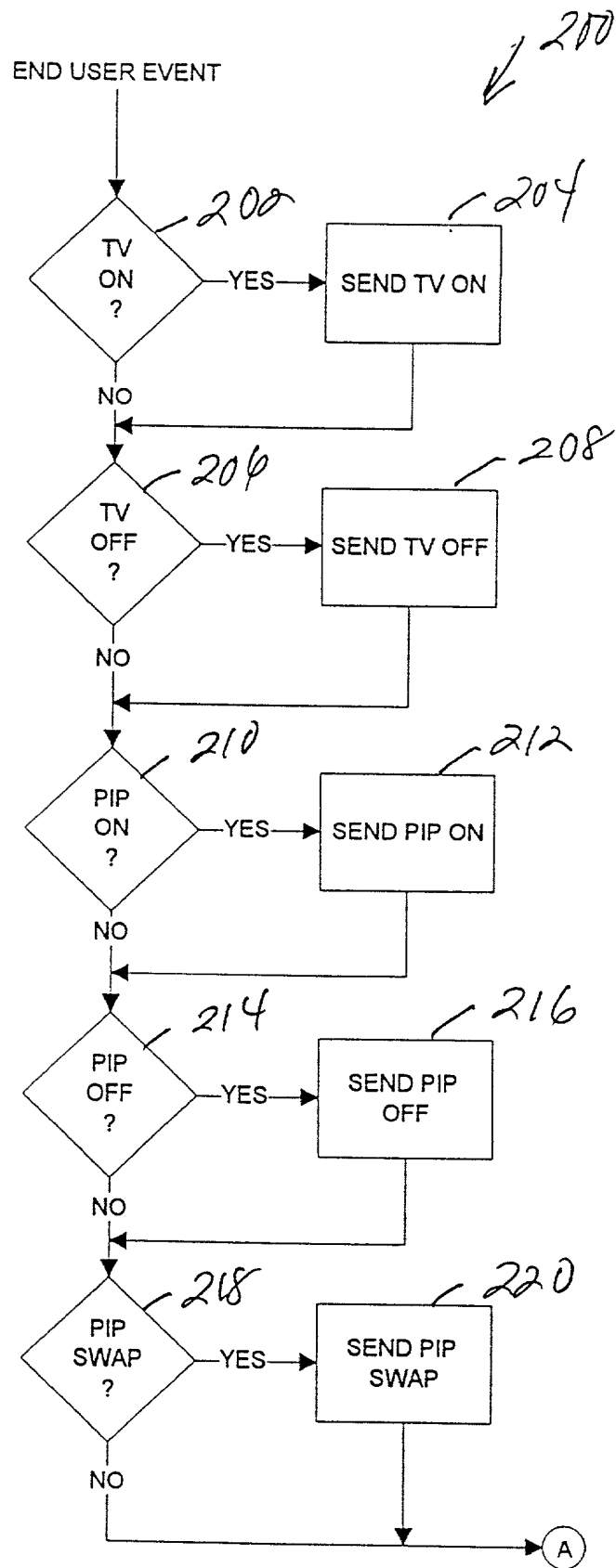


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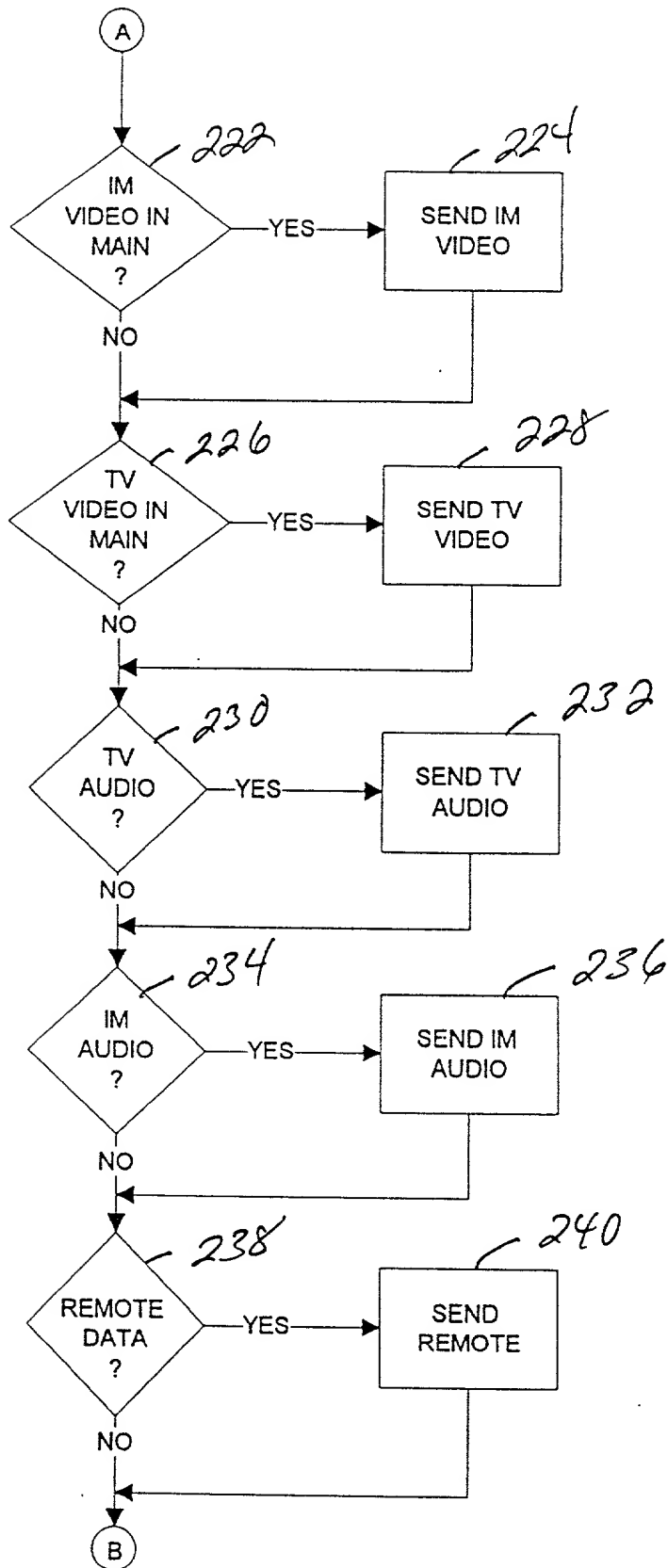
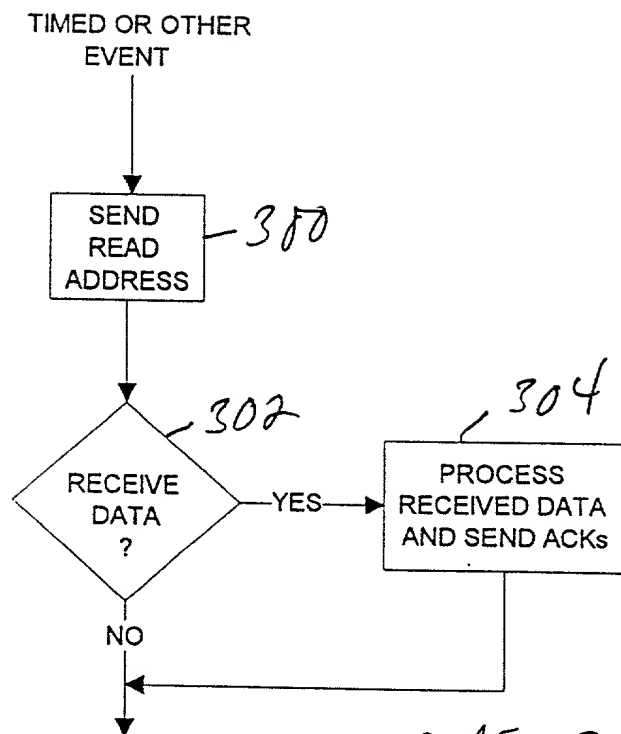
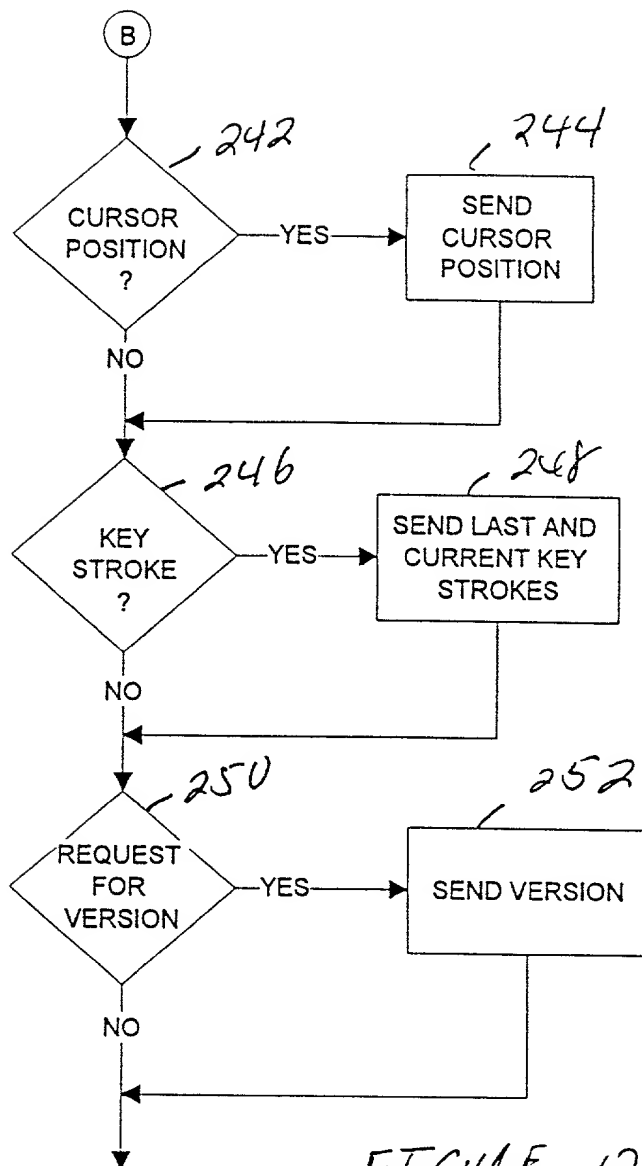


FIGURE 11



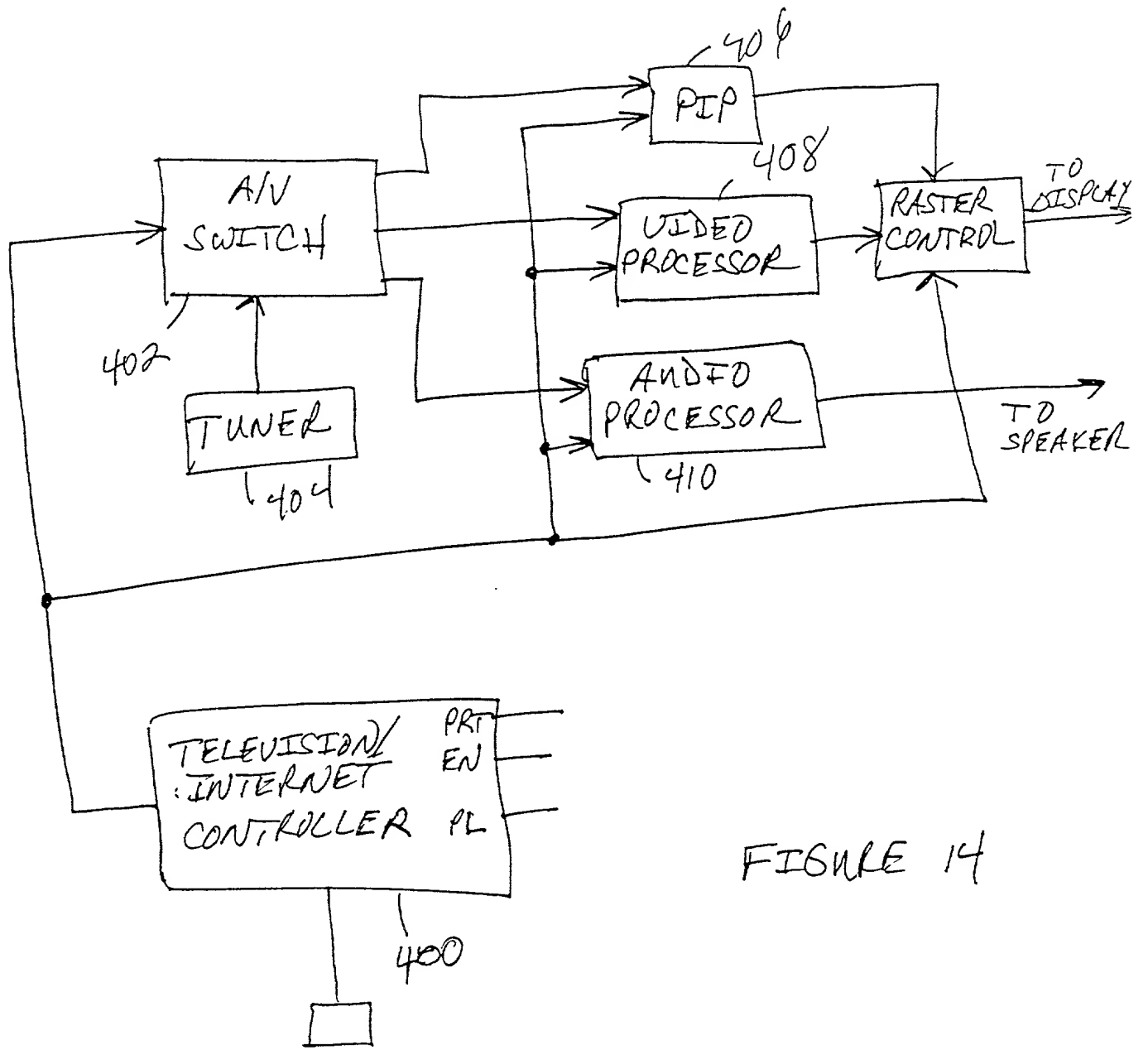


FIGURE 14

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